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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Salad E Abdullahi

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-75 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-18, 49-65, 71 and 72 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 19-48 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 66-70 and 73-75 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 18, 19 & 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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Response

1. The response filed on 6/30/2003 has been entered and made of record.
2. Applicant's arguments filled on 6/30/2003 with respect claims 66-70 and 73-75 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of new grounds of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 19-48 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 66-70 and 73-75 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McHenery et al U.S. Patent No. 5,592,533.

As per claims 66, 69, and 73, McHenery et al., discloses a proximity based registration for portable devices, to a data network appliance (base station) comprising:

- wirelessly transmitting ping message from the data network appliance (the base station transmitting periodic scanning signals) (see col. 18, lines 41-55);
- determine whether an announcement message has been detected from the portable device (see col. 9, lines 1-22 and col. 18, lines 40-55, col. 5, lines 44-65;

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- transmitting a registration request across a network to a registration server upon determining that the announcement message has been detected from the portable information device (see col. 5, lines 44-65).

In considering claim 67 McHenery et al., discloses a system further comprising the step of repeating the ping message (periodically transmitting a scanning signal) (see col. 18, lines 41-55).

In considering claim 68 and 70, McHenery et al., discloses a system further including transmitting a registration request across a network to a registration server upon determining that the announcement message has been detected from the portable information device (see col. 5, lines 44-65).

In considering claim 74, McHenery et al., discloses a system, wherein the step of reading user attributes further includes accessing a database to obtain at least one registration corresponding to the user attributes (see col. 5, line 44 to col. 6, line 12).

In considering claim 75, McHenery et al., discloses a system, wherein the passive portable device is a security badge (smart device) (see the abstract).

CONCLUSION

6. The prior art made of record and relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicants disclosure.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Abdullahi E. Salad** whose telephone number is **(703) 308-8441**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from **8:30 AM to 5:00 PM**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Etienne, Ario** can be reached at **(703)308-7562**. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is **(703)305-3900**.

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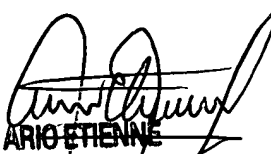
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